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(AHAINES), SCA/CEN (M. O'MARA), DOD/OGC (BEAVER),  
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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: TRANSFER OF THREE DETAINEES

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Classified By: Pol-Econ Chief Deborah Mennuti, reasons 1.4 (B)  
and (D).

11. (S) On December 16, three Kazakhstani detainees were transferred to the custody of Kazakhstan. Poloff and Embassy Astana DAO officer met with Ualikhan Saginkhanov of the MFA's Consular Department at the Almaty international airport to facilitate the transfer. Five individuals who declined to introduce themselves, likely security officials, accompanied Saginkhanov.

12. (S) One member of the Kazakhstani delegation filmed the detainees leaving the aircraft. After the transfer, the Kazakhstani authorities escorted the detainees to an airport terminal where the detainees' parents were waiting. Upon receiving a positive identification from the parents, Saginkhanov called Poloff (who remained at the airplane) and the aircraft was released.

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